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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-23 are pending in the application for examination, wherein claims 1, 12-13 and 15-23 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

- 2 The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lieuwen (US Pat No. 6,069,946), cited by Applicant.

Regarding claim 1, referring to figures 5 and 6, and col. 3, Ins 11-48, and col. 4, Ins 14-24, and col. 8, In 52-col. 10, In 3, Lieuwen teaches a method for allowing a calling party to control a call to a called party that comprises a combination of the following steps:

(a) receiving a plurality of call preferences (Fig 6) from said calling party using a first communication device (wired telephone, cellular, pager, personal computer or fax machine) to contact a called party having a second communication devices (device that associated with telephone number (908) 123-567, (908) 222-333, etc.)

(b) processing said call through at least one call control entity (CCE) (a telecommunications service provided by a telecommunication service provider); and

(c) monitoring said plurality of call preferences by said CCE.

Regarding claim 2, referring to col. 9, In 65-col. 10, In 3, Lieuwen teaches the method of Claim 1, wherein after step (c) a prompting (query) by said CCE of the calling party for another call preference for said call to another communication device if said calling party is not in communication with said called party.

Regarding claim 3, referring to figures 1 and 6, and col. 4, Ins 14-24, Lieuwen teaches the method of Claim 1, wherein said 011 preferences are selected from a group consisting of URL address, website address, email address, phone number, facsimile number, cellular number and pager number.

Regarding claim 4, referring to figure 6, Lieuwen teaches the method of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of call preferences contains at least one alternative destination number/address for completing said call.

Regarding claim 5, referring to col. 9, In 65-col. 10, In 3, Lieuwen teaches the method of Claim 1, wherein said CCE attempts to complete said call in the order of preference expressed by said calling party after each prompt.

Regarding claim 6, referring to figures 1 and 6, and col. 4, Ins 14-24, Lieuwen teaches the method of Claim 1, wherein said first communication device is selected from a group consisting of a computer, a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), a cellular telephone, a telephone, a mobile phone, a customer premise equipment, a wired telephone, a PC (Personal Computer), a pager and a facsimile machine.

Regarding claim 7, referring to figures 1 and 6, and col. 4, Ins 14-24, Lieuwen teaches the method of Claim 1, wherein said second communication device is selected

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from a group consisting of a computer, a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), a cellular telephone, a telephone, a mobile phone, a customer premise equipment, a wired telephone, a PC (Personal Computer), a pager and a facsimile machine.

Regarding claim 8, referring to figure 7, and col. 8, lns 11-15, Lieuwen teaches the method of Claim 1, wherein said call preferences by said calling party are stored at a location selected from a group consisting of said first communication device, said CCE, a telephone exchange and the Internet.

Regarding claim 9, referring to figures 1 and 6, and col. 4, lns 14-24, Lieuwen teaches the method of Claim 1, wherein said CCE resides at a location selected from a group consisting of PBX, Centrex, PSTN, the internet and said first communication device.

Regarding claim 10, referring to figure 6, Lieuwen teaches the method of Claim 1, wherein said first communication device has at least one means to display the called party number/address.

Regarding claim 11, referring to figures 1 and 6, and col. 4, lns 14-24, Lieuwen teaches the method of Claim 1, wherein said first communication device has at least one means to display and select the call preferences.

As to claims 12-23, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claims 1-11.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art in general:

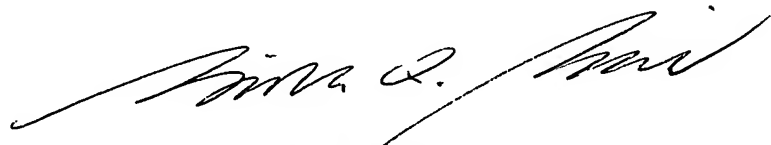
U.S. Pat. No. 6,754,325

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bing Bui whose telephone number is (571) 272-7482. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 and for formal communications intended for entry (please label the response ☐EXPEDITED PROCEDURE☐) or for informal or draft communications not intended for entry (please label the response "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT").

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

07 August 2005



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